

The AAC system is their voice

When interacting with an individual who is using an augmentative communication system, keep in mind that the system is their voice. Respond therefore to their communication attempts rather than to their physical action of activating a switch or pressing a button. For example, if a person has just used a single message system (e.g. BIGmack) to say "turn the page", respond by turning the page and saying "Yes, let's turn the page". Do this as opposed to saying "good hitting the switch".

Ideas for single message system messages:



Turn the page
Read that again
Bet you can't catch me!
Tickle Me!
Rub my back!
Sing (favorite song)
Do that again!
Swing me!

Peek-a-boo

Intonation is a critical component in the recording of these messages! Sound upbeat and excited. Make your enthusiasm contagious!